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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR, VN, XC  
SUBJECT: JAPANESE/SRV RELATIONS

1. EMBOFF IN CONVERSATION WITH GOJ COUNSELOR FOR REGIONAL  
COOPERATION RECEIVED BRIEFING ON GOJ EFFORTS TO INDUCE  
SRV TO RESUME MEMBERSHIP IN SEAFDEC (SEASIAN FISHERIES  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL), COMPRISED ORIGINALLY OF JAPAN,  
PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND SOUTH  
VIETNAM. ALL SUPPORTING PAPERS FOR ANNUAL COUNCIL  
MEETING IN JAPAN IN DECEMBER 1976 WERE DISPATCHED TO GOJ  
EMBASSY IN HANOI FOR REVIEW WITH SRV MFA. SRV RESPONSE  
WAS THAT VERY INTERESTED IN GENERAL SUBJECT BUT LACK OF  
TECHNICIANS AND BACKSTOP STAFF PRECLUDED  
ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION. SRV AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO  
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WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ATTEND ANY MEETINGS. AMBASSADOR  
DID ATTEND ONE SOCIAL FUNCTION, BUT, ACCORDING TO  
SOURCE, AMBASSADOR IN TURN QUOTE INSTRUCTED UNQUOTE  
HIS LDPR COLLEAGUE TO SEEK OBSERVER STATUS  
AND PASS ON COPIES OF THE WORKING PAPERS AND DIS-  
CUSSION NOTES. THE LDPR DID REQUEST OBSERVER STATUS,  
JUSTIFYING IT ON THE BASIS OF FRESH WATER FISHERIES

DEVELOPMENT, AND WAS ENABLED TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.  
(COMMENT: WHILE SEAFDEC CONCENTRATES PRIMARILY ON  
MARINE FISHERIES, IT DOES CARRY OUT SOME WORK IN  
FRESH WATER TECHNOLOGY).

2. GOJ RECOGNIZED IN PRESSING SEAFDEC APPROACH THAT  
SRV WOULD BE FACED WITH QUESTION OF SUCCESSORSHIP TO  
FORMER GVN. IN LIGHT OF SRV ACTIONS IN ADB, IMF  
AND IBRD, GOJ THOUGHT IT WORTHWHILE TO PURSUE MATTER.  
OUT OF THIS EFFORT HAS COME PRELIMINARY GOJ VIEW  
THAT SRV IS CONSCIOUSLY FOLLOWING TWO DISTINCT LINES:

1) ACTIVELY PURSUING SRV MEMBERSHIP IN ITS OWN  
RIGHT IN UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED AND THE UN, EVEN TO POINT  
OF ACCEPTING FORMER GVN COMMITMENTS, WHERE REQUIRED:

2) PASSIVELY TURNING DOWN ALL OFFERS FROM ESSENTIALLY  
REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHERE A VIETNAMESE RELATION-  
SHIP DERIVED WHOLLY FROM PRIOR GVN ACTIVITIES IN  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR WHERE ORGANIZATIONS  
ORIGINATED DURING MID-SIXTIES AS RESPONSE TO  
INDO-CHINA CONFLICT.

3. WE HAVE SOME EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOJ  
THEORY. FOR EXAMPLE, SRV HAS IGNORED ALL EFFORTS  
AT WRITTEN CONTACT BY SEAMEO (SEASIAN MINISTERS  
OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATION) AND SEATAC (SEASIAN  
TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY) SINCE  
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SPRING 1975. ON OTHER HAND, SRV DELEGATION TO  
ESCAP TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING IN FALL 1975 MADE  
ACTIVE EFFORT TO CONTACT MEKONG COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE, ASSURE MCC OF CONTINUED INTEREST,  
SPEAK WITH VN NATIONALS ON STAFF AND CONFIRM  
READINESS PARTICIPATE IN MCC WORKING MEETINGS.  
SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO CONVENE LATTER HAVE FAILED  
BECAUSE CAMBODIA HAS NOT RESPONDED; IN EACH CASE  
OF WHICH WE AWARE, HOWEVER, SRV HAS CONCURRED IN  
MEETING, BUT DECLINED TO ATTEND WITHOU CAMBODIA.  
AND FINALLY, WHILE IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT  
FORMER GVN EXPERTS IN FISHERIES MAY NOT BE  
POLITICALLY REHABILITATED, THE EXPERIENCED LEVEL  
OF TECHNOLOGY AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY GVN IN THE  
INTERNATIONAL MARINE FISH MARKET IN 1973-74  
WOULD INDICATE MORE WAS INVOLVED IN DECLINING THE  
SEAFDEC INVITATION THAN LACK OF EXPERTISE.  
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